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**Mr. Ali Mirzakhali
Department of Natural Resources and
Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

Re: Proposed Emissions Regulations for Delaware Power Plants

Dear Mr. Mirzakhali:

We are aware that the Department of Natural Resources is looking at developing new emissions regulations for three of Delaware's Power Plants and has held hearings over the past few months to gather input from the power companies, environmental groups and the general public.

The Central Delaware Economic Development Council (CDEDC) is Kent County's agency for fostering economic growth in the county. As such, we are concerned about the impact of the recent increase in the cost of electricity to our companies and their ability to remain competitive. The CDEDC is also apprehensive about the possible negative impact on our ability to attract new employers and related employment opportunities to the area.

Given these concerns, we are opposed to your proposed emissions regulations. The utilities have reported that the cost of making upgrades to comply with the new regulation will be very expensive and these costs will invariably flow to the consumer, further increasing the cost of electricity and endangering our ability to compete with surrounding states for new jobs.

Additionally we may lose generating capacity on the Delmarva Peninsula due to the possible shutdown of power plants. This would truly hurt given our high residential growth and the already existing strain on the power grid and its limited transmission capabilities. We need to be adding, not losing power generation.

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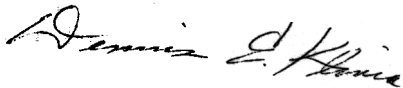
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In light of the above facts, we cannot support adding additional expenses to our employers at a time when they are already experiencing power costs increases greater than 100 %. They simply cannot afford it. We therefore oppose adding emissions regulations that are more stringent than current EPA standards.

Instead of forcing power plants to cut emissions by promulgating new regulations and adding costs to the price of electricity, a way should be found to provide incentives to make it financially attractive to the power generators to increase pollution control improvements.

Sincerely,



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